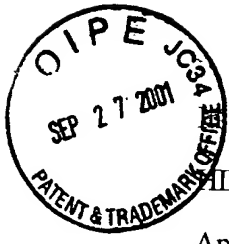


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Japanese language documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 are discussed in the specification at pages 1 and 4-8. Applicant submits that the documents are relevant for the reasons noted therein. In addition, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicant has obtained from a commercial database English language abstracts for most of the Japanese language documents, copies of which are enclosed. However, an English language abstract was not readily available for Japanese Laid Open Application No. 4-213421.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/323,992	06/02/1999	
09/408,442	09/29/1999	2872
09/472,890	12/28/1999	2872
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A copy of each cited application is enclosed.

#### FORMAL MATTERS

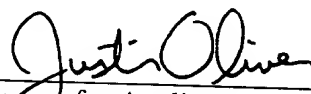
No fee is believed due in connection with this paper; however, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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